

# Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

## TROPICAL STORM ERNESTO

### SITUATION REPORT # 2

1500 Hours 29 August 2006

*New Information in Bold Italics*

### SUMMARY

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management/Virginia Emergency Operations Center has increased its awareness and preparation for the possible impact of Tropical Storm Ernesto.

### EXECUTIVE ACTION

**EOC Activation:** The Virginia Emergency Operations Center is at Increased Readiness condition, monitoring National Hurricane Center advisories, coordinating conference calls and producing Situation Reports.

### WEATHER FORECAST

**Hazardous Weather Outlook, Tuesday 29 August:** Northern VA, North Central, East Central, Southeast and Central VA – Showers and thunderstorms will develop this afternoon and into the evening hours. Severe weather will be possible with the main threat being damaging winds with isolated tornadoes possible. Heat Advisory in effect until 1900 hours for Central VA and Southeast VA with Heat Index Values up to 107. **Forecast 29 August** – Cloudy with a 60% chance of showers and thunderstorms across the Commonwealth. High temperatures will range from low 80's to mid 90's and overnight low temperatures will range from mid 60's to low 70's. Winds will be West-Southwest 5 to 10 MPH.

**Hazardous Weather Outlook, Wednesday 30 August:** West and South Central VA – Stalled frontal system will combine with increasing tropical moisture to bring numerous showers and thunderstorms Wednesday afternoon into early Thursday. Some rainfall could be heavy especially along portions of the Blue Ridge where totals of 2-4 inches could occur. **Forecast 30 August** – Mostly cloudy with a 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms across the Commonwealth. High temperatures will range from mid 70's to low 80's and overnight low temperatures will range from low 60's to mid 60's. Winds will be variable 5 to 10 MPH.

### OPERATIONS SECTION

**ESF 5 – Emergency Management:** Virginia is at Hurricane Readiness Condition 4 and has requested a FEMA Liaison Representative from FEMA Region 3 to arrive on Wednesday, 30 August. ***A Conference Call with State Agencies for a briefing by the National Weather Service, Wakefield Office, was conducted on Tuesday, 29 August. Primary activity reported by State Agencies is storm monitoring and distribution of information to field offices and staff. Regional Conference Calls for localities and National Weather Service have been scheduled for Wednesday, 30 August, as follows: VDEM Region 1 and 5 – 1000 AM; VDEM Region 2, 3 and 7 – 1045 AM; VDEM Region 4 and 6 – 1130 AM. Localities are asked to provide information on any preliminary actions they have and/or are taking and location of Distribution Points they have identified. A Conference Call for State Agencies and National Weather Service is scheduled for 200 PM on Wednesday, 30 August.*** VDEM priorities at this time are: Expand monitoring of the storm; Prepare for augmentation of the VEOC; Increase communications with Federal, State, Local, Volunteer and Private Partners; Coordinate Logistics readiness; Ensure communications systems are at peak readiness; Develop External Affairs Strategy.

**STATE WARNING POINT:** Monitoring National Hurricane Center advisories

### EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH

**ESF 8 – Public Health & Medical Services:** *11 personnel from VA-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team, Norfolk VA, have deployed to Atlanta, GA and 21 have been placed on standby by FEMA/NDMS.*

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**ESF 9 – Search & Rescue:** *VA Task Force 1, Fairfax County, and VA Task Force 2, VA Beach, deployed Type-III teams to Jacksonville, Florida in support of Tropical Storm Ernesto by FEMA. Virginia Wing of the Civil Air Patrol has been placed on alert status by VDEM Search and Rescue Coordinator.*

## **INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT BRANCH**

**ESF 1 – Transportation:** VA Department of Transportation has completed preparations in accordance with Hurricane Readiness Condition 4 and are reviewing their checklist for Hurricane Readiness Condition 3.

## **LOGISTICS SECTION**

**ESF 7 – Resource Support:** Standing by to coordinate federal identification and establishment of Mobilization Center and Staging Areas for commodities. FEMA has pre-positioned 90 trailers in VA and 30 more are projected to arrive on 30 and 31 August. ***VDEM is mapping potential points of distribution and awaiting input from localities. VDEM has 645 generators, ranging from 20 KW to 1500 KW, 301 pumps, ranging for 4” to 16” and 45 truck loads of water available.***

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